

Case: **TA2011007 - Code Cycles for Utility-Scale Solar Electric Generating Facilities**

Hearing Dates: August 4, 2011 Maricopa County Planning & Zoning Commission (tentative)
August 17, 2011 Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

The purpose of this request is to amend the Maricopa County Local Additions and Addenda (LA&A) for the purpose of allowing utility-scale solar electric generating facilities to progress through the permitting and construction based on the set of codes in effect at the time of the initial permit application.

Proposed Text: [New language to be added is underscored. Deleted language is ~~struck through~~.]

SECTION 205. PERMITS

Permit Expiration: A permit may be renewed within one year of expiration provided that no change in ownership or engineer/architect of record has occurred. Renewal after expiration for more than one year shall not be permitted. Any such permit shall be deemed to be revoked and a new permit must be issued.

The design and construction of structures located within the unincorporated areas of Maricopa County shall comport to the codes in effect at the time of permit application, provided the specific permit remains valid, regardless of whether or not the County adopts subsequent codes. When approved by the Building Official, utility-scale solar electric generating facilities in which permit applications have been submitted, the design and construction may continue to utilize the codes in effect at the time of initial permit application, regardless of the number of permits required to complete the project, provided that 1) all construction is covered by an issued permit, 2) any permits issued for construction remain valid and 3) continuous construction takes place until the facility is commissioned for commercial service and the facility received final inspection. Once the above conditions have been met, subsequent construction activity shall comply with the codes in effect at the time of subsequent permit applications. Further, should a permit lapse, the work contemplated by the permit shall be subject to a new permit application and shall comport to the codes in effect at the time the new permit application is submitted. For purposes of this section, the term "utility-scale" shall be as defined by the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance.